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OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND MAGNETIC BEADS

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2003, please consider the following remarks. Submitted herewith are: 1) a Petition for an Extension of Time for one month from September 19, 2003 up to and including October 20, 2003 (October 19, 2003 being a Sunday) with fee by credit card; 2) a Power of Attorney and change of correspondence address; 3) a Statement under 37 CFR § 3.73; and 4) a copy of a Vollmacht (Power of Attorney) to act on behalf of Syngenta Participations AG.

**REMARKS**

In response to the Restriction/Election requirement mailed on August 19, 2003, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-24, and further elects the species as follows:

Subgroup I species of target simple sequence repeat - 5'-(CA)<sub>6</sub>-3'

Subgroup II, species of modified oligonucleotide conjugate-

3 biotinylated (GT)<sub>6</sub>-5' -bicyclic structure; LNA occurs first G;

Subgroup III, species of linking molecule- biotin

Subgroup IV, species of linking source- streptavidin

Subgroup V, species of separation- magnetic bead separation

Subgroup VI, species of disassociation- alkaline buffer, pH about 9.5


Subgroup VII, species of target source- plasmid library

, without traverse.

However, Applicants reserve their right to Petition from the election requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.144.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1744 (in the name of Syngenta Biotechnology Inc.).

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